Pre-feasibility study of new Greenfield Airport at Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh has also been carried out.

Food provided by private airlines

3714. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the private airlines in India, when delayed for hours many times, skip over lunches and dinners and manage with snacks though the lunch/dinner time could elapse long before landing; and

(b) if so, whether some steps could be taken to ensure due lunches/dinners in case of flights being delayed long and to avoid the inconvenience to passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) In case of delays and cancellations, full service airlines provide adequate facilities to the passengers which include provision of food (breakfast/ lunch/dinner, as the case may be), hotel accommodation, conveyance, etc.

Low cost airlines also provide refreshments to passengers in case the flight is delayed more than two hours.

(b) Government does not regulate commercial practices of the airlines.

Private airlines *vis-a-vis* Indian Airlines

3715. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how much market share is held by Indian Airlines and Air India on the one side and private airlines on the other, out of the total traffic in India;

(b) the details of productivity, profitability, cost effect between Indian Airlines and Air India on the one side and one or two leading private sectors like Jet Airways, Kingfisher on the other; and

(c) how do public sector airlines in India compare with the private airlines in India in terms of quality of service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Market share of domestic passengers of National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL), into which erstwhile Indian Airlines and Air India have been merged and private airlines as on March, 2008 is as under:—

Market Share (%)

NACIL	Private Scheduled Airlines
15.7	84.3

(b) The Government does not compare the productivity, profitability, cost effect of airlines.

(c) The Government does not compare the airlines in terms of quality of service.

Ground handling functions at Metro airports

3716. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ground handling functions at six metro airports;

(b) what is the procedure adopted to hand over such functions to private operators; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the extra charge are being collected from passengers for ground handling etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) As per the new Ground Handling Policy to be effective from 1.1.2009, at the six Metro airports namely Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore and Hyderabad, agencies authorized for ground handling would be — the airport operator itself or its Joint Venture Company, subsidiary companies of national carrier (National Aviation Company of India Limited) themselves or their Joint Venture Companies, and other agency selected by the airport operator through competitive bidding process.

(c) Airlines pay for ground handling charges to the service providers according to their internal agreements. Such charges are not controlled by the Government.

Model concession agreement for Bangalore/Hyderabad airports

3717. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether having faced rough weather over the concession agreements regarding the Bangalore and Hyderabad airports, the Centre has agreed to release a "Model Concession Agreement" to make future accords less controversial;

(b) if so, whether the model pact will be issued immediately; and

(c) if so, to what extent it has removed the controversy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Difficulties at new airports

3718. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of privatisation of Metro airports and Green Field airports and date of such change;

(b) whether he is aware of many difficulties to passengers at new airports recently inaugurated at Hyderabad; and

(c) what actions are proposed to improve the situation?